

In addition to the prepared statement that my advocacy group has provided, I want you to know that Sinclair is also acting most cynically by shifting all incoming phone complaints to a voicemail box that is already full -- so the caller can't even register his complaint. And the greeting message to this unavailable mailbox is a self-serving propagandistic denial, rather than an invitation to receive the caller's comments. You should be outraged by this behavior, as I am.

When a democratic government fails to enforce laws that protect the citizens from corporatism, the government tilts to Fascism. Inaction is as harmful as action. We're not so far away from a political environment in which you would not want your family to live.

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Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.